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Subject: Letter from Secretary Whitley
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Subject: RE: Public Records Request (TX-SOS-19-0407)
Date: May 23, 2019 at 11:14 PM
To: American Oversight FOIA foia@americanoversight.org
Cc: GeneralCounsel GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov



In response to your May 9 email, please note the following:

1. As we indicated in our April 22 email, we reviewed our records for responsive documents by utilizing the Secretary of State custodians listed in Column A of the request and the names of the specified individuals/entities in Column B of the request.
2. In our April 12 production, we produced a PDF titled "Keith Ingram texts" containing text messages that were collected from Director of Elections Keith Ingram (one of the officials listed in Column A of your request).
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Adam Bitter
General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State

-----Original Message-----

From: American Oversight FOIA <foia@americanoversight.org>
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the further disclosures and your response to my inquiry. American Oversight has a couple follow-up questions.

First, could you please confirm that all of the custodians and all of the search terms we provided were included in the search?

Second, could you please identify the source of the text messages at the end of the April 12, 2019 release? I do not believe we can identify from those pages of the disclosure or from the cover letter whose text messages those are.

Best

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Beth

> On Apr 22, 2019, at 7:08 PM, GeneralCounsel <GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>
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